

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for switching on an inductive load, in particular an ignition coil, whose current is intended repeatedly to reach a predefined variable end value at a respectively predefined variable time, includes measuring the time interval between the switching-on action and reaching at least one predefined intermediate value. This time interval and the at least one
5 predefined intermediate value are used to calculate the anticipated time from switching on until the end value is reached. A following switching-on action is carried out at the calculated time before the respectively predefined time.